

Director

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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director  
Cal Fed Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth St., Suite 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

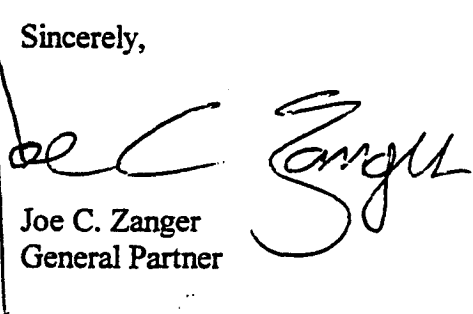
As a farmer in San Benito County, I am both disappointed and quite concerned about the final language of the Cal Fed EIS/EIR. I had hoped that with agriculture's strong attendance and comments made at the many hearings last year that we could affect the final document. Just this last June, at an event east of Fresno, Senator Dianne Feinstein stated that Cal Fed was a done deal and that California Agriculture was heard and taken care of. I am sorry to say that this does not appear to be correct.

So we need to take another crack at making our points. We request that you extend the review period to study the document and make comments. And then we need the opportunity to clarify our position at additional public hearings.

California agriculture cannot and must not be put in the position of being short on water nor have its production acreage reduced. The final EIS/EIR calls for both.

It is high time that food production is awarded its rightful place in importance to the State of California and the Nation. The Final Programmatic EIS/EIR does not do so.

Sincerely,

  
Joe C. Zanger  
General Partner

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Representative Sam Farr

Governor Gray Davis  
Senator Barbara Boxer

State Sen. Bruce McPherson  
Assemblyman Peter Frusetta

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